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THE DETECTIVE LIFE IS A HARD ONE. THE JOBS ARE TOUGH, AND--
...ACTUALLY, I DON'T HAVE A CASE RIGHT NOW. BUT WHEN I DO, THEY'RE TOUGH.
SOMETIMES.
THE STREETS ARE MEAN AND FULL OF HOODLUMS--
...WELL, OKAY, THEY'RE NOT BAD KIDS. THEY'RE JUST NOISY. AND THERE'S THAT CAFE ON THE CORNER, THE ONE WITH THE RASPBERRY-FILLED PASTRIES THAT--
Uh, I MEAN...
YEAH, IT'S A TOUGH LIFE, BUT I'M A TOUGH GUY. YEARS OF ROUGH WORK MADE ME THIS WAY. EVEN WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, I...
...I...Um...
...JEEZ, THIS NOIR STUFF IS HARD. MIGHT NEED A THESAURUS.
NEXT PAYCHECK. I'LL PUT IT ON THE LIST.
Uh, ANYWAY...SO...A CLASSY DAME WALKS IN--
...I'M SORRY, WHAT?

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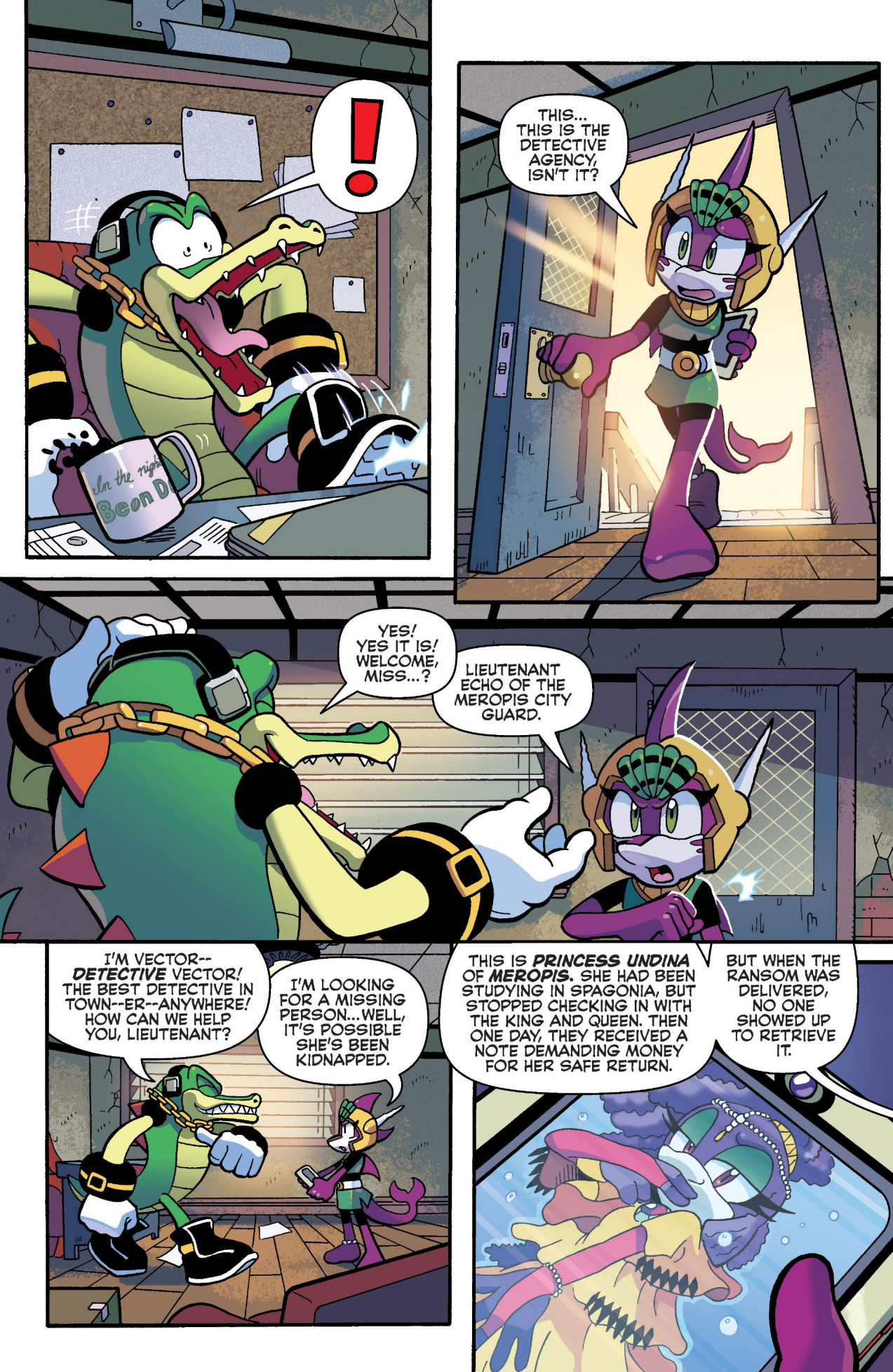
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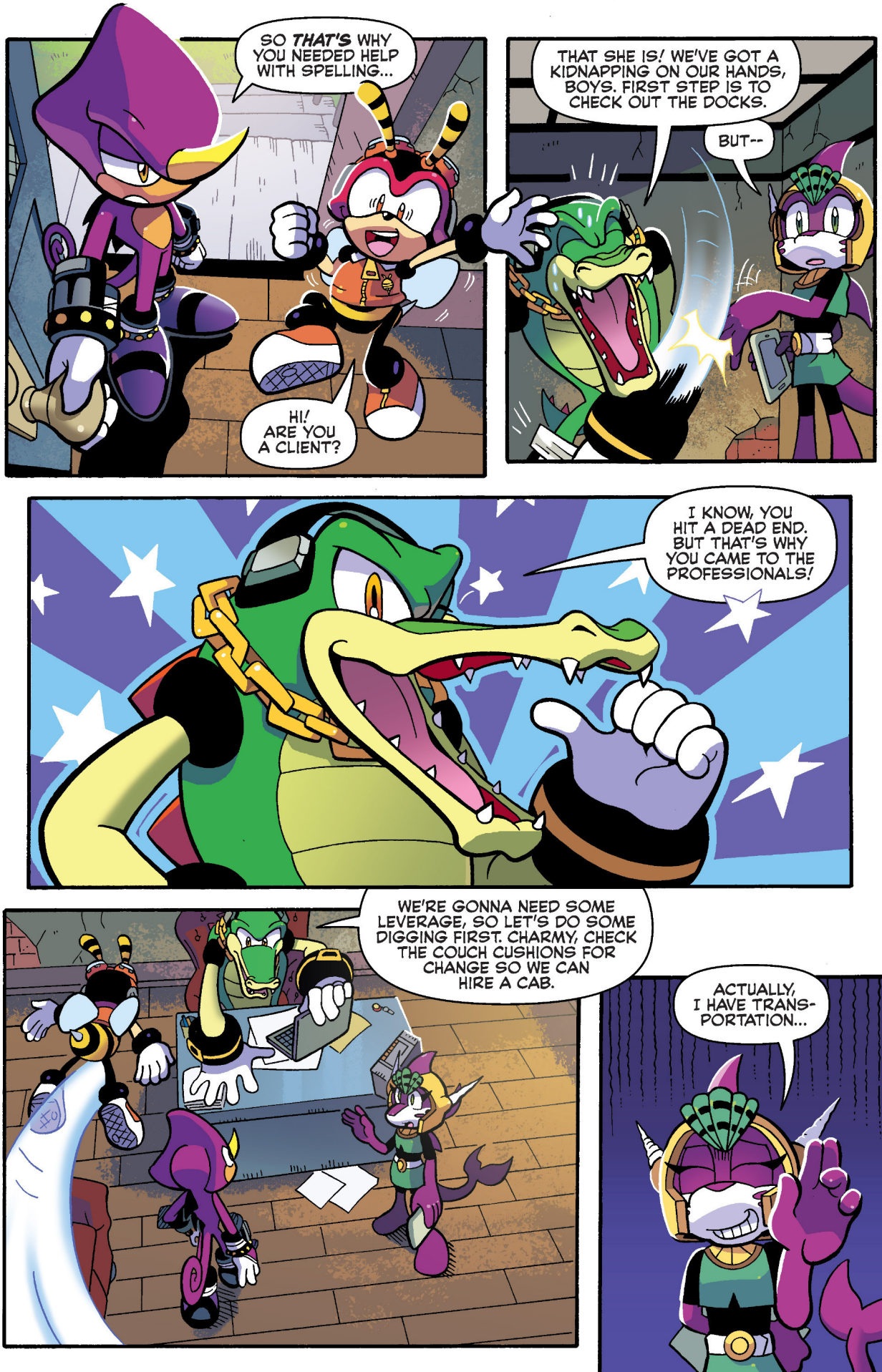
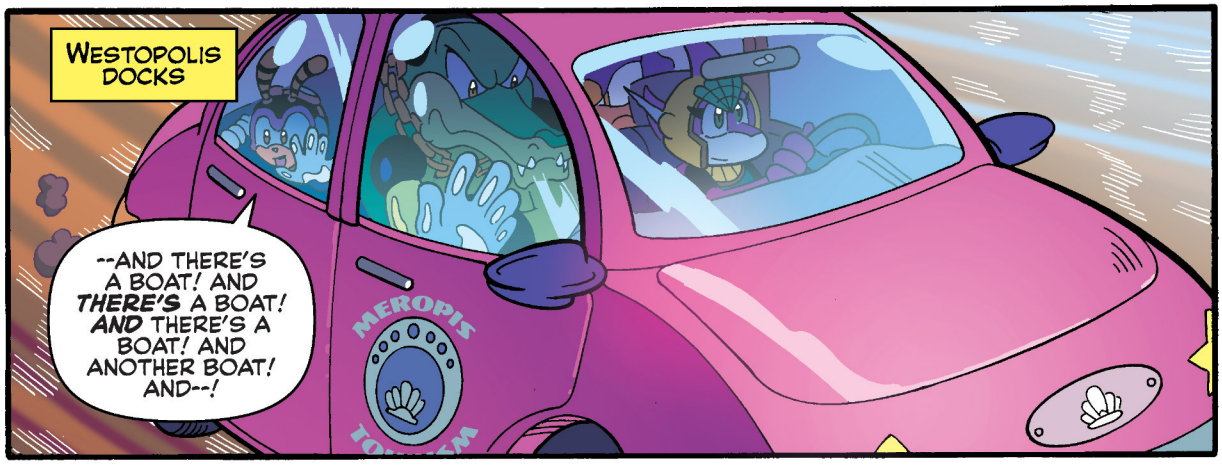
THIS... THIS IS THE DETECTIVE AGENCY, ISN'T IT?
YES! YES IT IS! WELCOME, MISS...?
LIEUTENANT ECHO OF THE MEROPIS CITY GUARD.
I'M VECTOR-- ***DETECTIVE*** VECTOR! THE BEST DETECTIVE IN TOWN--ER--ANYWHERE! HOW CAN WE HELP YOU, LIEUTENANT?
I'M LOOKING FOR A MISSING PERSON...WELL, IT'S POSSIBLE SHE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
THIS IS ***PRINCESS UNDINA*** OF ***MEROPIS.*** SHE HAD BEEN STUDYING IN SPAGONIA, BUT STOPPED CHECKING IN WITH THE KING AND QUEEN. THEN ONE DAY, THEY RECEIVED A NOTE DEMANDING MONEY FOR HER SAFE RETURN.
BUT WHEN THE RANSOM WAS DELIVERED, NO ONE SHOWED UP TO RETRIEVE IT.

INTERESTING...MIGHT'VE JUST BEEN SOME WANNABE OPPORTUNIST. I THINK THE FIRST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO ASK AROUND SPAGONIA UNIVERSITY.
YES, THAT'S WHAT I DID.
"THE PROFESSOR THERE, Um, EVENTUALLY MENTIONED SHE MAY HAVE GONE TO EMPIRE CITY."
WELL, THAT'S A BIG CITY, BUT WORTH CHECKING OUT.
YES, AND I DID! I THOUGHT MY CHANCES WERE SLIM, BUT I CAME ACROSS... Um, WELL...
"...LET'S SAY A CLUE..."
"...WHICH LEAD TO A BUSINESSWOMAN WHO APPARENTLY KNOWS THE PRINCESS WELL."
HC
IF YOU DON'T LOOK SWEET, YOU'RE NOT WEARING
Honey!
CLUB GOLDEN
ENES DOES

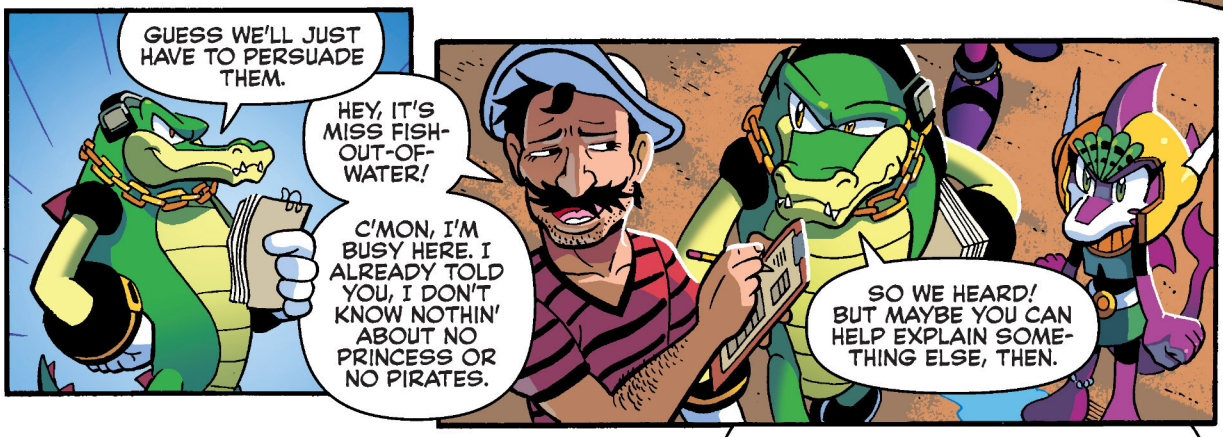
OKAY, SO WE CONTACT THIS BUSINESSWOMAN...OR DID YOU ALREADY DO THAT?
I DID!
ACCORDING TO HER, THE PRINCESS HAD DECIDED TO TOUR THE WORLD ON HER OWN!
WE'VE HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE PRINCESS, AND NO FOLLOW-UP FROM THE KIDNAPPERS. THE KING AND QUEEN WERE CONCERNED, AND THAT WAS ***BEFORE*** THE RANSOM DEMAND. SO I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO ANY REPORTED SIGHTING THAT I CAN...
"AND THEN I RECEIVED SOME ANONYMOUS INFORMATION...
"IT CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCESS HAD LAST BEEN SEEN IN WESTOPOLIS..."
...AND THAT THE ONES WHO SENT THE RANSOM DEMAND WERE ***PIRATES.***

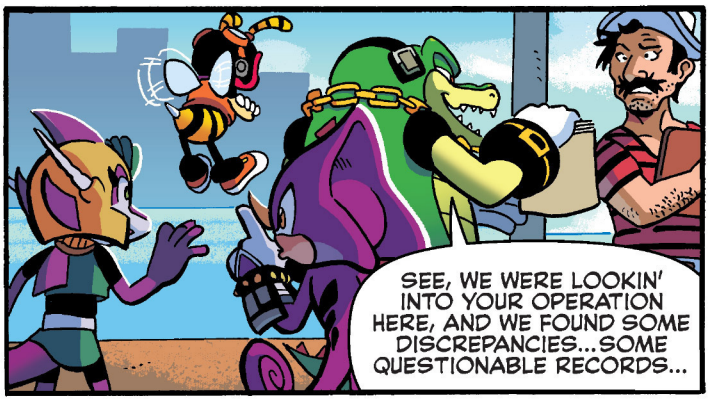
NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE. OKAY THEN, WE'LL HEAD TO THE DOCKS--
I ALREADY--
--DID. SIGH NO OFFENSE, LIEUTENANT, BUT WHY DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?
BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THIS CITY! AND I'M SURE THE DOCK WORKERS KNOW SOMETHING, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO TALK!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! BUT THEN, I FOUND YOUR ADVERTISEMENT.
...WHAT THE...?
CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY
I KNOW THE KING AND QUEEN WILL BE VERY GENEROUS WITH PAYMENT IF YOU'LL ASSIST ME.
"GENEROUS," YOU SAY? "PAYMENT," YOU SAY?!
HEY! SOMEONE FOUND MY POSTER!


SO THAT'S WHY YOU NEEDED HELP WITH SPELLING...
HI! ARE YOU A CLIENT?
THAT SHE IS! WE'VE GOT A KIDNAPPING ON OUR HANDS, BOYS. FIRST STEP IS TO CHECK OUT THE DOCKS.
BUT--
I KNOW, YOU HIT A DEAD END. BUT THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO THE PROFESSIONALS!
WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME LEVERAGE, SO LET'S DO SOME DIGGING FIRST. CHARMY, CHECK THE COUCH CUSHIONS FOR CHANGE SO WE CAN HIRE A CAB.
ACTUALLY, I HAVE TRANS-PORTATION...


WESTOPOLIS DOCKS
--AND THERE'S A BOAT! AND THERE'S A BOAT! AND THERE'S A BOAT! AND ANOTHER BOAT! AND--!
MEROPIS

"CUT RATE SHIPPING COMPANY"?
THAT'S THEM. I SWEAR THEY KNOW SOMETHING, BUT THEY REFUSED TO TELL ME ANY-THING...

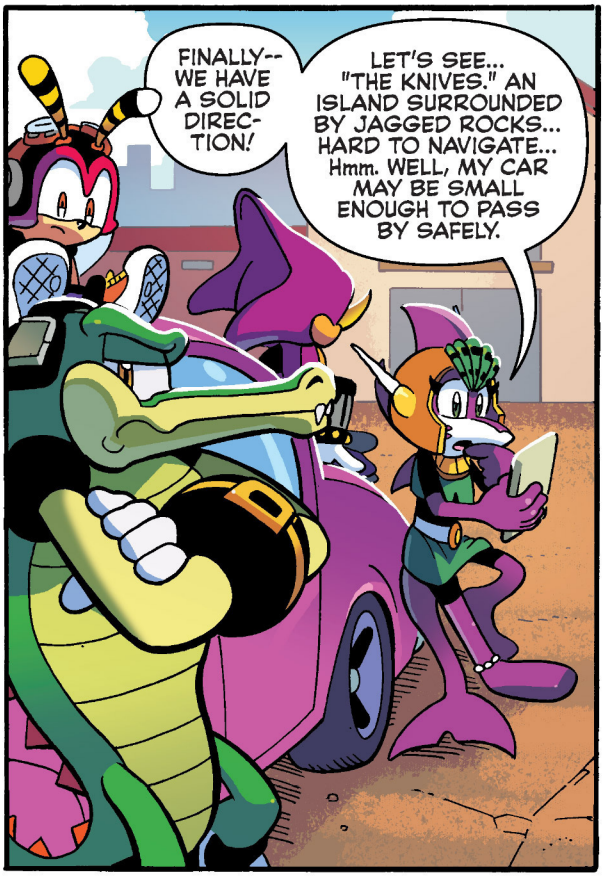

GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PERSUADE THEM.
HEY, IT'S MISS FISH-OUT-OF-WATER!
C'MON, I'M BUSY HERE. I ALREADY TOLD YOU, I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO PRINCESS OR NO PIRATES.
SO WE HEARD! BUT MAYBE YOU CAN HELP EXPLAIN SOME-THING ELSE, THEN.

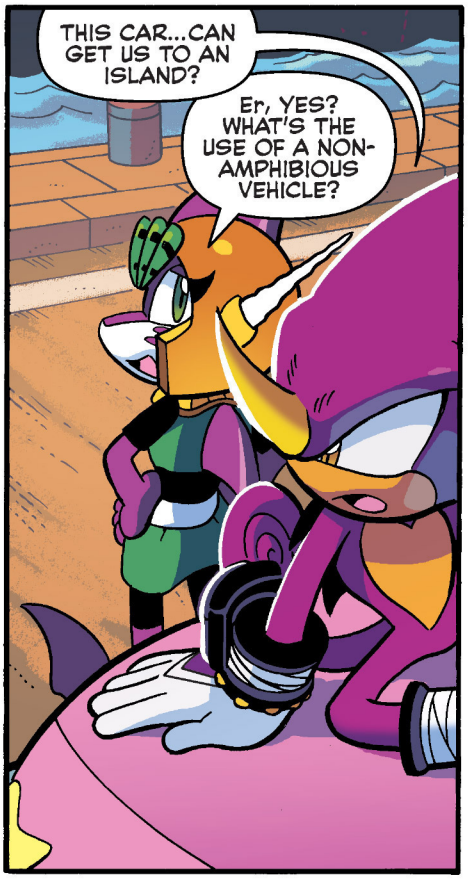

SEE, WE WERE LOOKIN' INTO YOUR OPERATION HERE, AND WE FOUND SOME DISCREPANCIES...SOME QUESTIONABLE RECORDS...

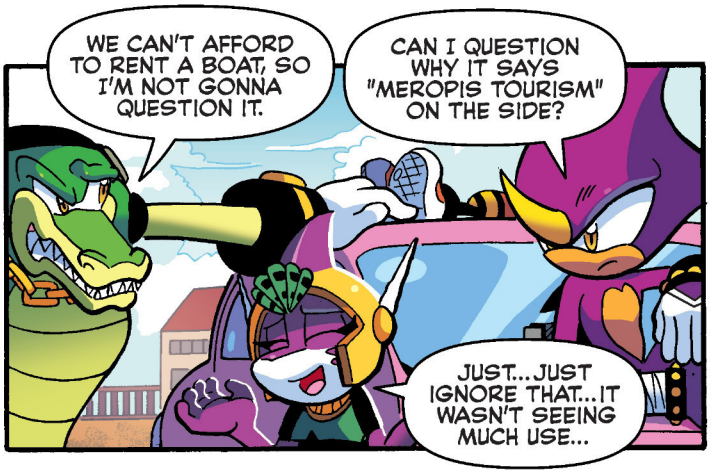
ALTERED TIMESTAMPS...Oh, AND WHAT LOOKED LIKE A COVER-UP OF SOME MISSING CARGO. NOW, AT A GLANCE ALL THIS MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH BUT WHEN--

OKAY OKAY I GET IT LOOK WE KINDA SORTA DIVERTED FROM OUR USUAL ROUTE A FEW WEEKS AGO TO SAVE TIME AND IT TOOK US NEAR THIS ISLAND CALLED THE KNIVES AND WE THOUGHT WE'D BE FINE BUT THEN THIS SHIP APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND WE GOT BOARDED BY PIRATES AND THEY ROBBED US BLIND AND YEAH THAT GIRL WAS WITH THEM SHE DIDN'T LOOK HURT OR NOTHIN' BUT STILL THEY TOOK EVERYTHING AND LOSING CARGO TO PIRATES DOESN'T EXACTLY LOOK GOOD FOR BUSINESS AND OUR INSURANCE WOULDN'T APPROVE OF US SAILING THROUGH DANGEROUS WATERS SO I MAY'VE HAD A FRIEND MAKE A FEW ALTERATIONS TO SOME RECORDS BUT YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND BUSINESS IS TOUGH ALL RIGHT?!
SERIOUSLY, DARYL?!
Uh...WELL THEN! THANKS FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION... I GUESS.
Ah, SURE! SO... Um...CAN I HAVE THAT PRINTOUT? SINCE I HELPED YOU AND ALL...
SURE. AFTER ALL...
...WE MADE COPIES.

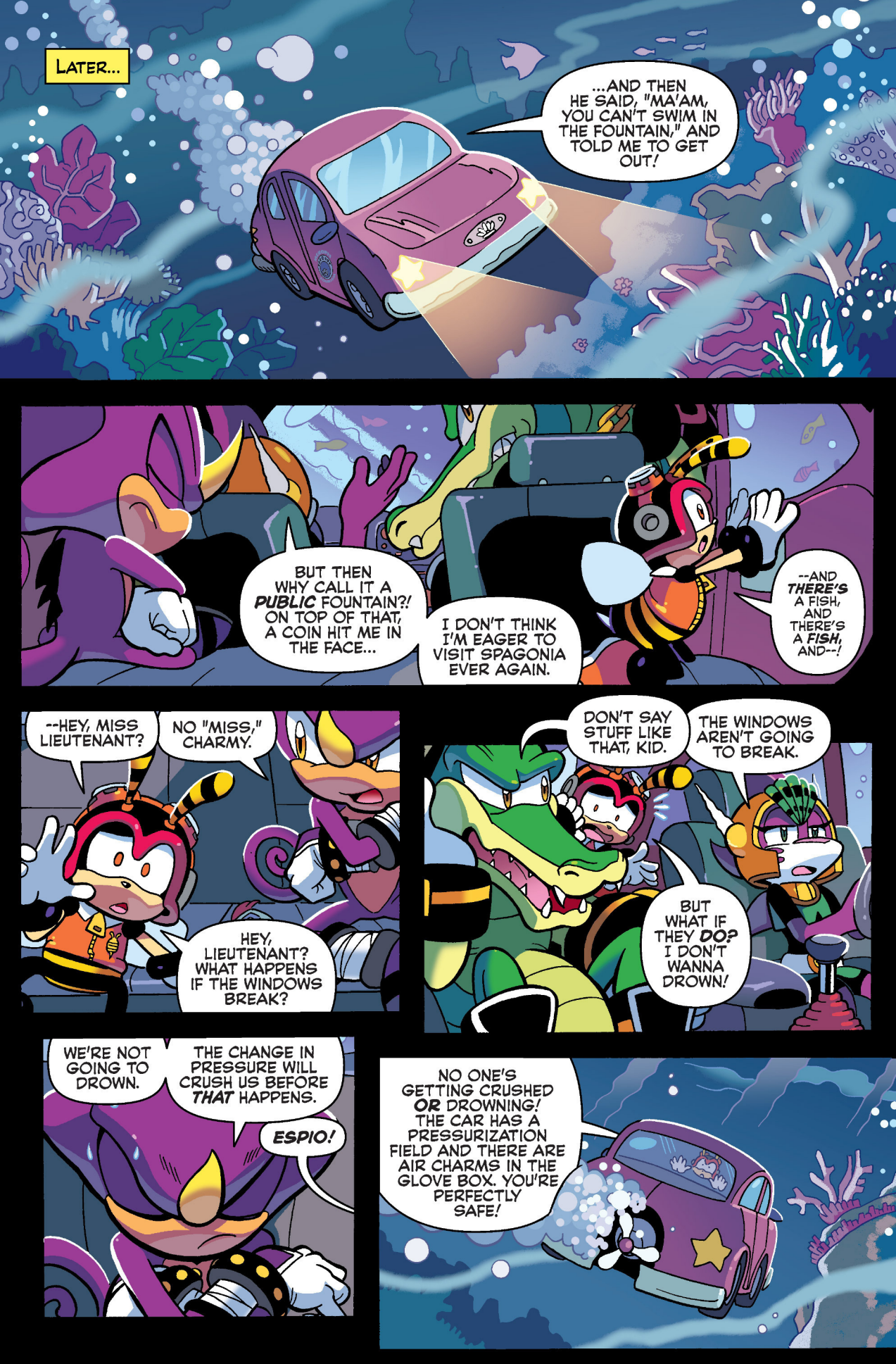
THAT WAS SKILLFULLY DONE!
Er... THANKS! SEE? NO ONE CAN MATCH OUR MASTERFUL DETECTIVE SKILLS!
SO MASTERFUL WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO INTERROGATE ANYONE, Hmm? DON'T GET TOO FULL OF YOURSELF.

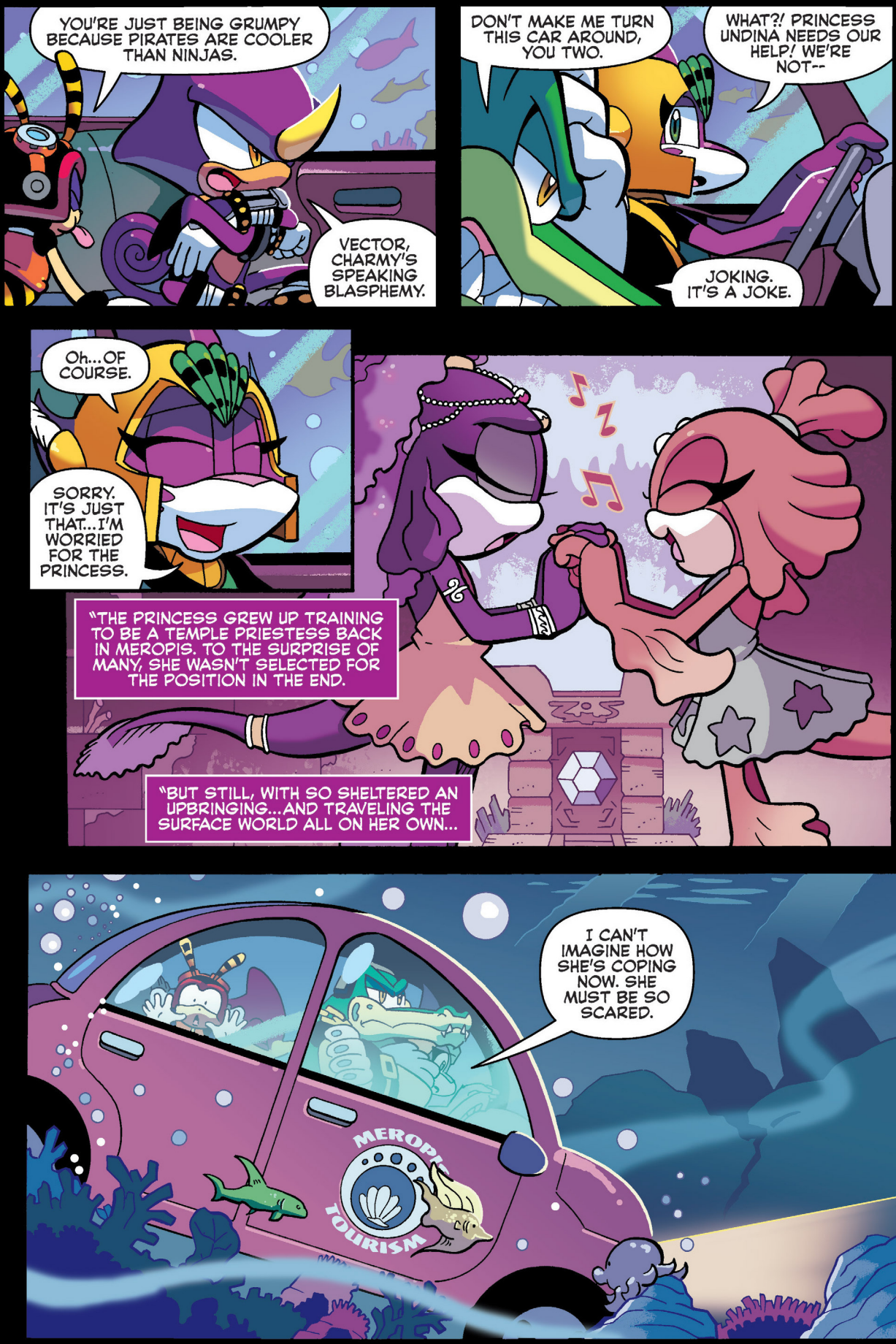

FINALLY-- WE HAVE A SOLID DIRECTION!
LET'S SEE... "THE KNIVES." AN ISLAND SURROUNDED BY JAGGED ROCKS... HARD TO NAVIGATE... Hmm. WELL, MY CAR MAY BE SMALL ENOUGH TO PASS BY SAFELY.


THIS CAR...CAN GET US TO AN ISLAND?
Er, YES? WHAT'S THE USE OF A NON-AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE?


WE CAN'T AFFORD TO RENT A BOAT, SO I'M NOT GONNA QUESTION IT.
CAN I QUESTION WHY IT SAYS "MEROPIS TOURISM" ON THE SIDE?
JUST...JUST IGNORE THAT...IT WASN'T SEEING MUCH USE...

CAN WE GO FIGHT PIRATES AND RESCUE PRINCESSES NOW? I'M BORED.


LATER...
...AND THEN HE SAID, "MA'AM, YOU CAN'T SWIM IN THE FOUNTAIN," AND TOLD ME TO GET OUT!
BUT THEN WHY CALL IT A PUBLIC FOUNTAIN?! ON TOP OF THAT, A COIN HIT ME IN THE FACE...
I DON'T THINK I'M EAGER TO VISIT SPAGONIA EVER AGAIN.
--AND THERE'S A FISH, AND THERE'S A FISH, AND--!
--HEY, MISS LIEUTENANT?
NO "MISS," CHARMY.
HEY, LIEUTENANT? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WINDOWS BREAK?
DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT, KID.
THE WINDOWS AREN'T GOING TO BREAK.
BUT WHAT IF THEY DO? I DON'T WANNA DROWN!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO DROWN.
THE CHANGE IN PRESSURE WILL CRUSH US BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
ESPIO!
NO ONE'S GETTING CRUSHED OR DROWNING! THE CAR HAS A PRESSURIZATION FIELD AND THERE ARE AIR CHARMS IN THE GLOVE BOX. YOU'RE PERFECTLY SAFE!


YOU'RE JUST BEING GRUMPY BECAUSE PIRATES ARE COOLER THAN NINJAS.
VECTOR, CHARMY'S SPEAKING BLASPHEMY.
DON'T MAKE ME TURN THIS CAR AROUND, YOU TWO.
WHAT?! PRINCESS UNDINA NEEDS OUR HELP! WE'RE NOT--
JOKING. IT'S A JOKE.
Oh...OF COURSE.
SORRY. IT'S JUST THAT...I'M WORRIED FOR THE PRINCESS.
"THE PRINCESS GREW UP TRAINING TO BE A TEMPLE PRIESTESS BACK IN MEROPIS. TO THE SURPRISE OF MANY, SHE WASN'T SELECTED FOR THE POSITION IN THE END.
"BUT STILL, WITH SO SHELTERED AN UPBRINGING...AND TRAVELING THE SURFACE WORLD ALL ON HER OWN...
I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW SHE'S COPING NOW. SHE MUST BE SO SCARED.
MEROPIS TOURISM

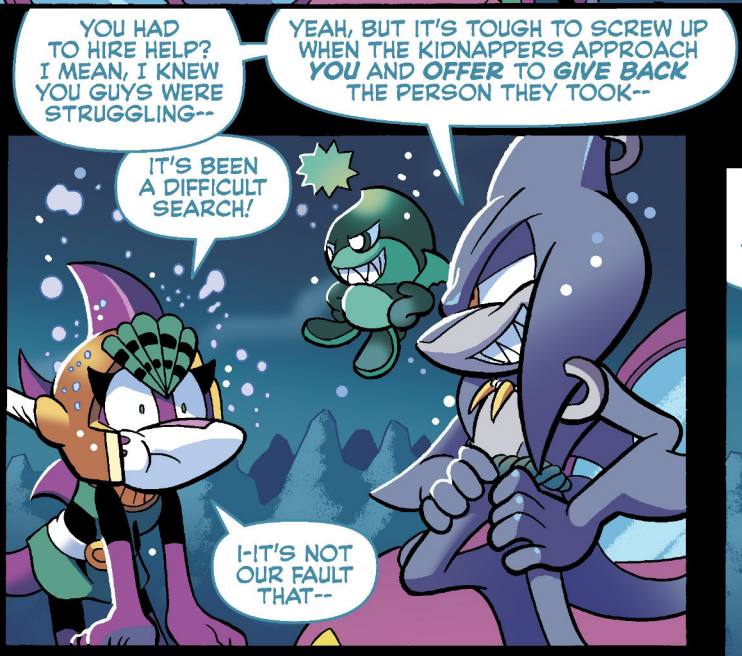
HEY, WORRYING ISN'T GONNA DO US ANY GOOD. BESIDES, WITH ALL THAT TRAVELING YOUR PRINCESS WAS DOING ON HER OWN, SHE SOUNDS PRETTY RESOURCEFUL!
AND THAT GUY AT THE DOCK SAID SHE LOOKED OKAY!
TRUE...BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WHOLE RANSOM THING? WHY MAKE AN OFFER AND THEN GO BACK ON IT?
I'LL ADMIT, THAT'S GOT ME CURIOUS. ...YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S A CHANCE SHE DECIDED TO GO PIRATE HERSELF?
WHA--OF COURSE NOT!
MAYBE WE'LL BE ABLE TO ASK HER OURSELVES. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE COMING UP ON THE KNIVES.
...HOPE WE DON'T WRECK OURSELVES ON THE ROCKS.
I TOLD YOU, THIS CAR IS PERFECTLY SAFE!
WATCH IT!
THUMP

Oh, MY GOODNESS I THINK I HIT SOME-ONE.
I NEED TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED. USE THE AIR CHARMS AND STAY WITH THE CAR!
YOU SAID THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN AND IT'S HAPPENING!
HOLD ON! HOLD ON! I'M COMIN' WITH YOU!
WHOA, THESE ARE AWESOME! IT'S LIKE WE'RE NOT EVEN IN THE WATER!
WOULD'VE BEEN NICE TO HAVE HAD THESE BACK AT AQUATIC MINE...
HOW DO YOU EVEN MANAGE TO RUN OVER SOMEONE IN THE OCEAN--?
BAH!
GAH!!
WHUD

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
Oh, THAT'S A WEIRD WAY OF SAYING "SORRY FOR HITTING YOU WITH A DANG CAR!"
YOU AREN'T PUTTING ME IN AN APOLOGIZ-ING MOOD!
THAT'LL BE ENOUGH OF THAT--!
...RAZOR?!
...LIEUTENANT ECHO...?
OKAY, SO NOT ONLY DID WE RUN OVER SOMEONE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN, IT'S SOMEONE YOU KNOW?!
SOMEHOW I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS A COINCIDENCE. RAZOR--WHY ARE YOU HERE?
CORAL SENT ME TO FIND THE PRINCESS. AS GUARDIAN OF THE EUSEBES SHRINE--
SELF-PROCLAIMED.
OKAY, YOU KNOW WHAT? I DON'T--

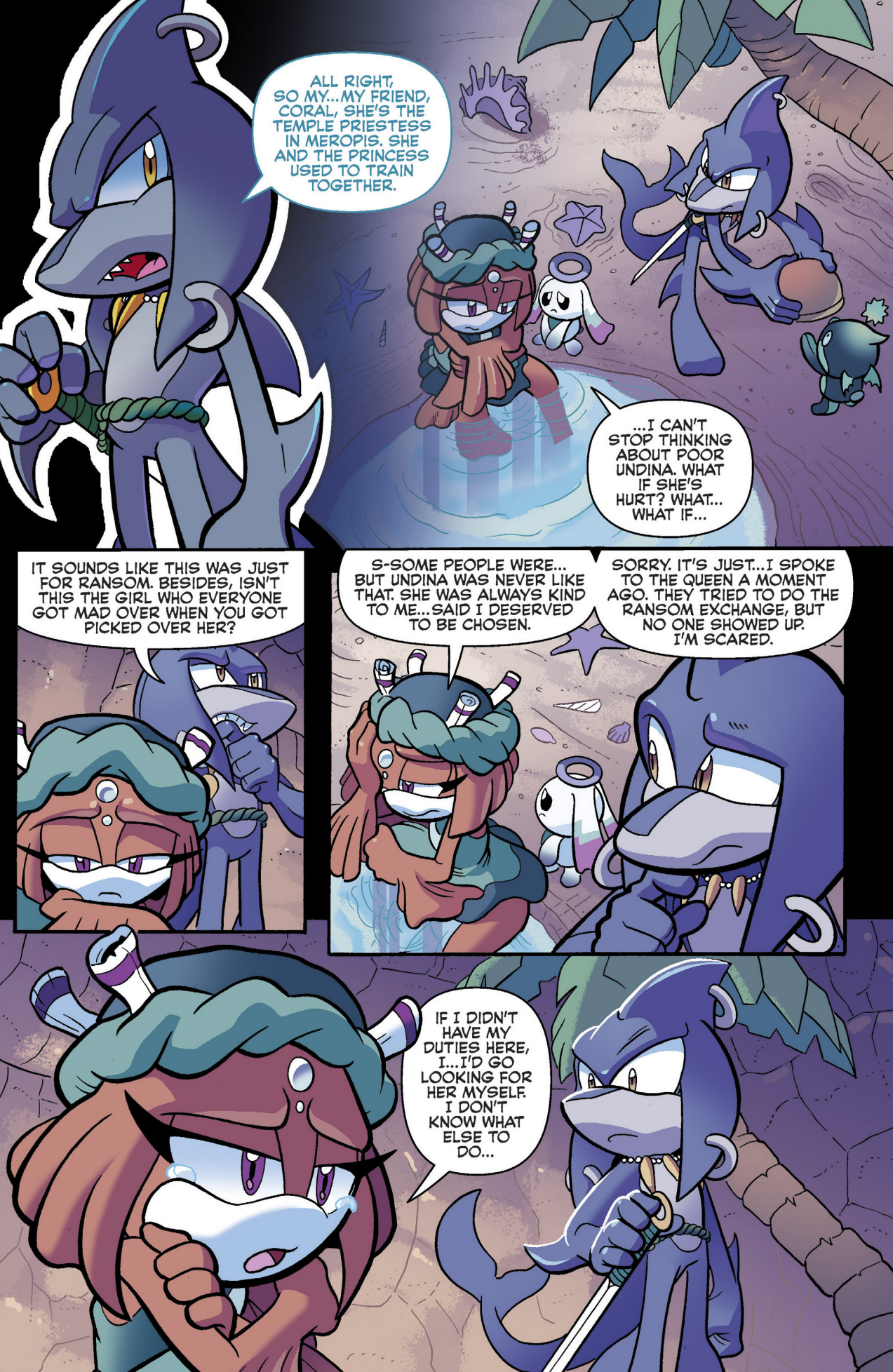
LOOK, THE WATER IS SALTY ENOUGH WITHOUT YOU TWO ADDING TO IT. CALM DOWN AND LET'S START FROM THE TOP.

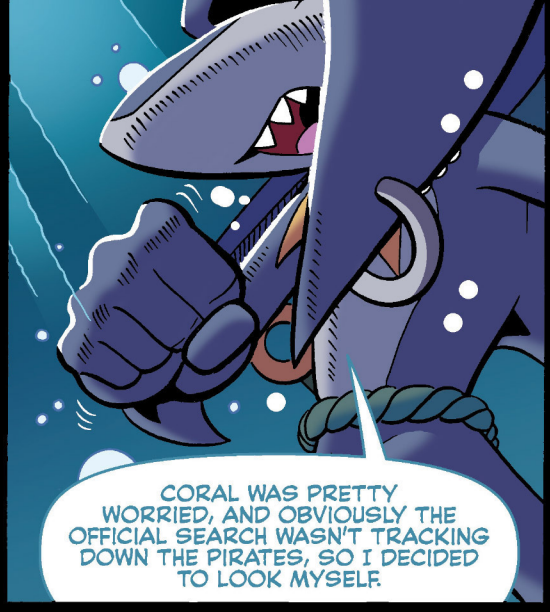
WHO ARE YOU GUYS, ANYWAY?
WE'RE THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY, HIRED TO FIND PRINCESS UNDINA.
WE'RE THE BESTEST!


YOU HAD TO HIRE HELP? I MEAN, I KNEW YOU GUYS WERE STRUGGLING--
YEAH, BUT IT'S TOUGH TO SCREW UP WHEN THE KIDNAPPERS APPROACH YOU AND OFFER TO GIVE BACK THE PERSON THEY TOOK--
IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT SEARCH!
I-IT'S NOT OUR FAULT THAT--

OKAY, I DON'T ESPECIALLY WANT TO FIND OUT IF THESE AIR CHARMS HAVE A TIME LIMIT. AND SPEAKING OF TIME LIMITS, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FINDING A KIDNAPPED GIRL HERE.
STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN.
YEAH! SO DISAPPOINTED.

...THEY ACTUALLY DO HAVE A TIME LIMIT...


ALL RIGHT, SO MY...MY FRIEND, CORAL, SHE'S THE TEMPLE PRIESTESS IN MEROPIS. SHE AND THE PRINCESS USED TO TRAIN TOGETHER.
...I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT POOR UNDINA. WHAT IF SHE'S HURT? WHAT... WHAT IF...
IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS WAS JUST FOR RANSOM. BESIDES, ISN'T THIS THE GIRL WHO EVERYONE GOT MAD OVER WHEN YOU GOT PICKED OVER HER?
S-SOME PEOPLE WERE... BUT UNDINA WAS NEVER LIKE THAT. SHE WAS ALWAYS KIND TO ME...SAID I DESERVED TO BE CHOSEN.
SORRY. IT'S JUST...I SPOKE TO THE QUEEN A MOMENT AGO. THEY TRIED TO DO THE RANSOM EXCHANGE, BUT NO ONE SHOWED UP. I'M SCARED.
IF I DIDN'T HAVE MY DUTIES HERE, I...I'D GO LOOKING FOR HER MYSELF. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO...

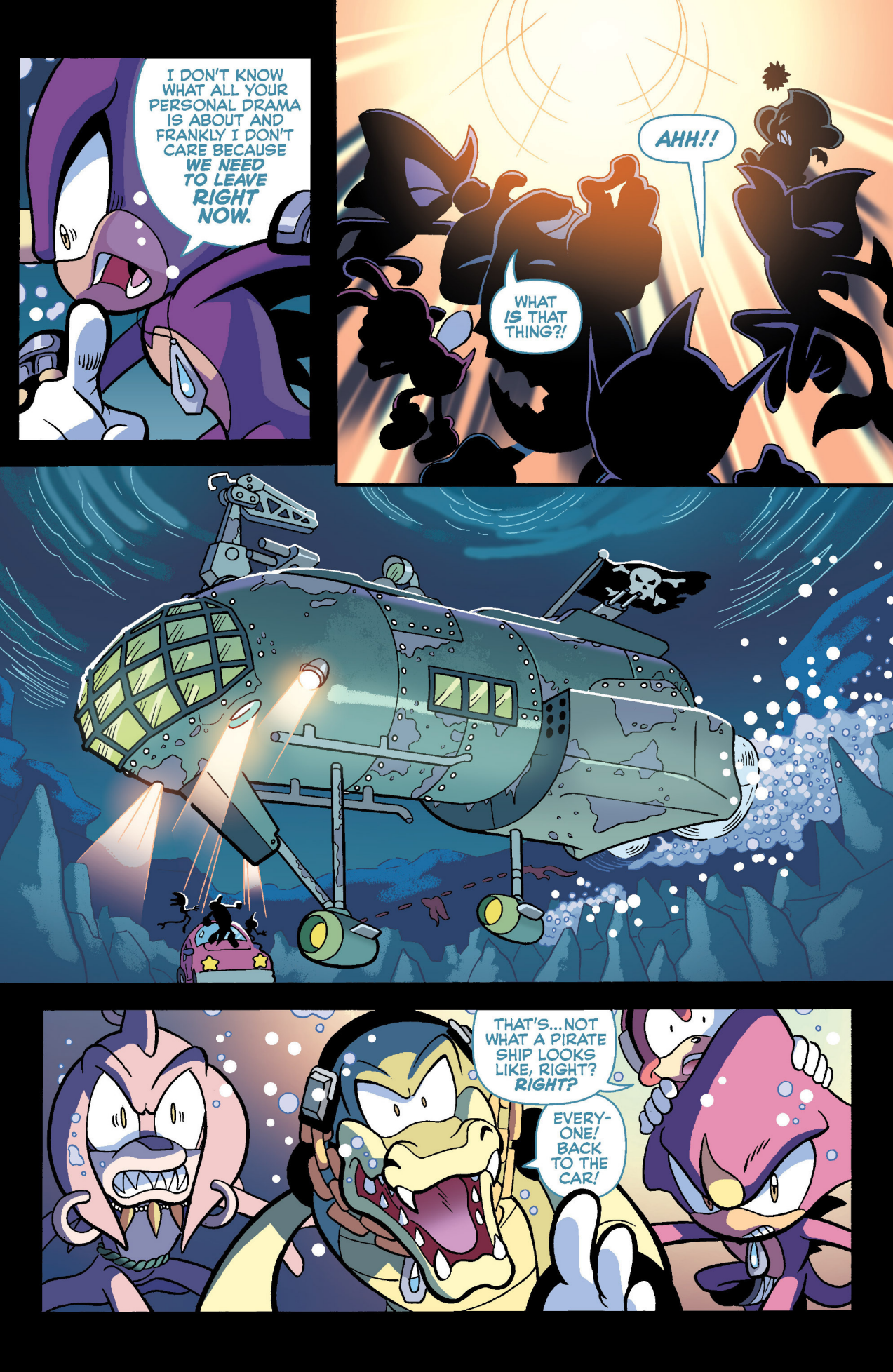

CORAL WAS PRETTY WORRIED, AND OBVIOUSLY THE OFFICIAL SEARCH WASN'T TRACKING DOWN THE PIRATES, SO I DECIDED TO LOOK MYSELF.

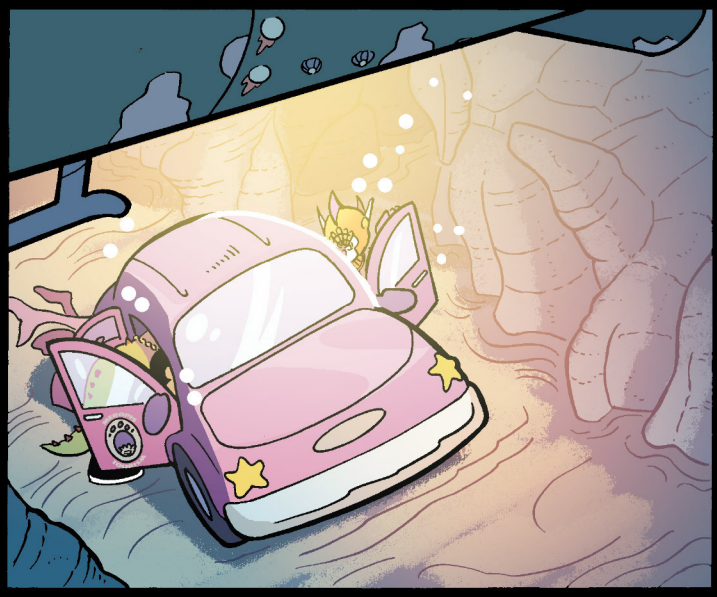
I...I SUPPOSE THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD...
HOW DID YOU KNOW TO COME *HERE*, THOUGH?

I... Um... WHAT?
AND WAIT! HOW DID YOU KNOW PIRATES WERE INVOLVED?

I...LUCKY GUESS! IT MAKES SENSE, DOESN'T IT?!
AND YOU JUST *HAPPENED* TO STUMBLE ACROSS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS? OR DID YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THE ISLAND?

WAS MY CAPTAIN RIGHT ABOUT YOU?


I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL YOUR PERSONAL DRAMA IS ABOUT AND FRANKLY I DON'T CARE BECAUSE WE NEED TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW.
AHH!!
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
THAT'S...NOT WHAT A PIRATE SHIP LOOKS LIKE, RIGHT? RIGHT?
EVERY-ONE! BACK TO THE CAR!



GO GO GO! DRIVE DRIVE DRIVE!
I'M GOING!!

KLANG
AAAAAAHHH!!

WELL, WELL, WELL...
...LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT OURSELVES QUITE AN UNUSUAL CATCH!
THE DETECTIVES HAVE BEEN DETECTED! WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR HEROES? AND, IS THAT *THE PRINCESS?!* THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE *NEXT TIME!*
UNTIL THEN DON'T MISS OUT ON MORE SONIC ACTION WITH *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, *SONIC SUPER DIGEST* AND THE *GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!*

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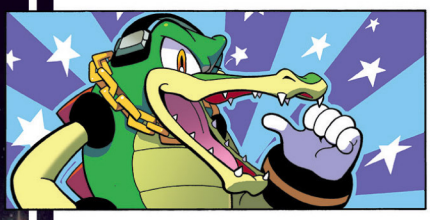

DETECTED DETECTIVES!!!

Howdy, my Sonic comic crazies! Looks like Team Chaotix and our fishy friends have found the missing princess and managed to stumble into some serious trouble! Can the detectives super sleuth their way out of danger, or will they be forced to walk the plank?

I don't know, I'm just a cabin boy! What I do know is that there are more mysteries to be revealed, especially about a certain purple princess! Some of you junior detectives have already caught sight of Undina's trail in previous issues of *Sonic the Hedgehog*! What, you mean you didn't realize? Go back and look for yourself! (And if you you aren't reading *Sonic the Hedgehog*... SHAME SHAME SHAME!!!)

Arrivederci, amici! **– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo**
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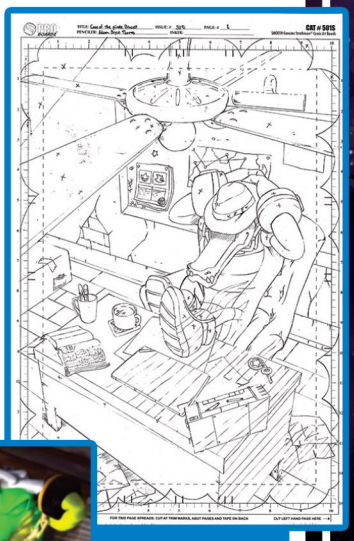

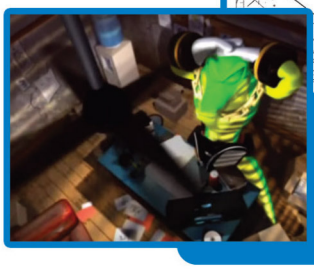

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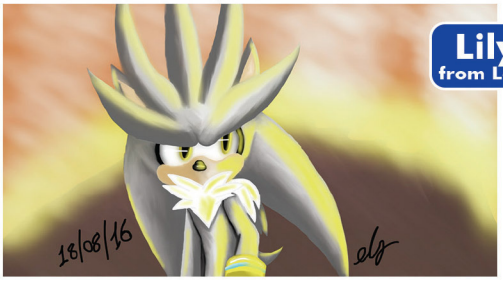

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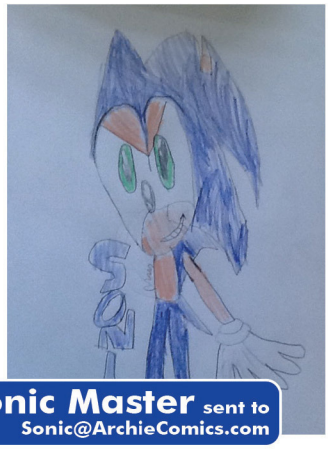

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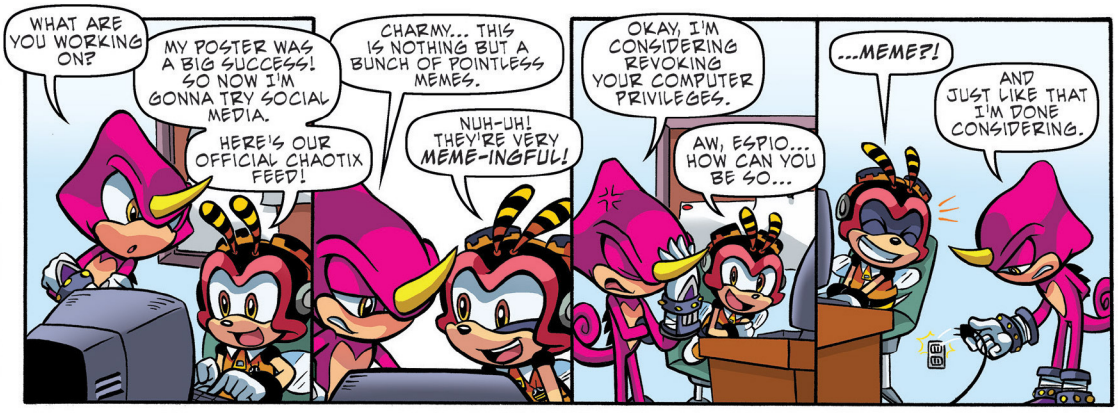
OFF PANEL — CHARMY BEME OR UN"BEE"LIEVABLE...


WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?
MY POSTER WAS A BIG SUCCESS! SO NOW I'M GONNA TRY SOCIAL MEDIA.
HERE'S OUR OFFICIAL CHAOTIX FEED!
CHARMY... THIS IS NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF POINTLESS MEMES.
NUH-UH! THEY'RE VERY MEME-INGFUL!
OKAY, I'M CONSIDERING REVOKING YOUR COMPUTER PRIVILEGES.
AW, ESPIO... HOW CAN YOU BE SO...
...MEME?!
AND JUST LIKE THAT I'M DONE CONSIDERING.

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